

THE LINK

50p

July 2021

Tarporley Parish Magazine

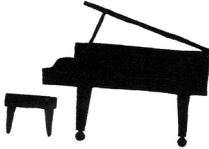


ANDREW P. DEAN

Dip N.T.C., C.G.L.I., A.V.C.M.

PIANO TUNING

REPAIRS and RESTORATION



andrew@pianodean.co.uk
(01829) 261222



We're here to help you.
Your professional
local service.

Please call Joanne
01829 730969
0784 152 9960

www.mollymopcleaning.co.uk

Hibberts LLP

SOLICITORS

For all your Legal Services - Private and Commercial

Avenue Buildings, High Street, Tarporley, Cheshire CW6 0AZ

Tel: (01829) 733338 Fax: (01829) 733055

email: jd@hibberts.com

Phoenix Accounting Services



Tax and VAT Returns
Revenue Accounts
Book-Keeping
Administration of Will Estates

55 Woodlands Way, Tarporley,
Cheshire CW6 0TP

t: 01829 733552 m: 07966 405314

Brian Rathbone Electrical Ltd

APPROVED CONTRACTOR
PART P REGISTERED

Electrical Safety
Register

incorporating
ELECTRA ECA
Certification Ltd
ALL TYPES OF ELECTRICAL WORK
AND INSTALLATIONS

FUSE BOARD UPGRADES

INDOOR & OUTDOOR LIGHTING
SOCKETS COOKERS SHOWERS
SMOKE DETECTORS

MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS

TEL : 07812 336006

Email : brian-electrical@hotmail.com

A. W. BURROWS & SON

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Long established family business since 1841

Private Chapel of Rest in Peaceful Rural Surroundings
Complete Funeral Arrangements
Personal 24 hour service. Memorial Monuments.

CONTACT NIGEL BURROWS Tel: 01270 524243 / 07711 468917
Snowdrop Villa, Swanley, Nantwich. CW5 8QB
www.awburrowsnantwich.co.uk email: barb.burrows@homecall.co.uk

Wright Marshall

PROMINENT HIGH STREET LOCATION

ESTABLISHED REPUTATION

EXPERIENCED PROPERTY PROFESSIONALS

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
SEVEN OFFICES ACROSS CHESHIRE
FREE NO OBLIGATION VALUATIONS PROVIDED

THINKING OF SELLING?

Contact:- Tarporley Office - 01829 731300

E:Mail - sales@wrightmarshall.co.uk

Web: www.wrightmarshall.co.uk

Services: See Calendar page on the website or ‘The Link’ magazine.

Weekday Service St Helen’s Church, Holy Communion: Wednesday at 10.00 am.

(Note: all telephone numbers are area code 01829 unless otherwise stated).

Rector: **Vacancy, The Rectory, High St, Tarporley CW6 0AG** **732491**

Assistant Curate: **Julian Osborne, 3 Dingle Way, Cuddington, Cheshire, CW8 2UW 07421 323699**

e-mail: revjulianosborne@gmail.com

Tarporley: St Helen

Churchwardens	Phillip Posnett, Haughton Hall, Tarporley CW6 9RH	260251
	Liz Neely email neelyeliza@hotmail.com	07890 470899
Treasurer	Anita Langford, 7 The Crescent, Utkinton, CW6 0LT	458351
P.C.C Secretary	Paul Emerson, Maple Bank, Eaton Road, Tarporley, CW6 0BJ	733147
Organist	Chas Hardern	732595
Reading Rota	Elaine Meredith Corner Lodgings, Forest Road, Tarporley CW6 0HX	732104
Co-ordinator		
Bellringers	Jenny Christian	732412

Cotebrook:

St John Wardens	Bill Spiegelberg, Oulton Park House, Tarporley, CW6 9BL	760336
	Peter Copland, Moss Cottage, Utkinton Lane, Cotebrook, CW6 0JH	732618
Organist	Katrina Copland,	732618
Eaton: St Thomas Wardens	Rosemary Lilley, Windward Mark, Eaton Lane, Eaton, Tarporley CW6 9AG	732948
	Michael Scott, 39 High St, Tarporley CW6 0DP	733919
Organist	Marjorie Rathbone	732655

LINK Editor	Andy Jobson, Plessington House, Huxley Lane, Brassey Green, Tarporley, CW6 9UG	732437
-------------	---	--------

Electoral Roll	Mike Kiddle, 1 Woodlands Way, Tarporley, CW6 0TP	733431
Safeguarding Officer	Liz Neely email neelyeliza@hotmail.com	07890 470899
Sunday Sheet	email jleaman@talktalk.net	
Tarporley C.E. Primary School	Mrs Kerry Forrester	01244 981230
Utkinton C.E. Primary School	Ms Lorna Pleavin	732322
Done Room Booking Secretary	Kathryn Palmer	733040

CONTACT POINTS:

Please do not hesitate to report cases of sickness or pastoral need to the Assistant Curate. 07421 323699
To make arrangements for a Funeral please contact Phillip Posnett. 260251

To ask about Wedding arrangements, baptisms or general enquiries please contact Jan
email: admin@tarporleyparish.co.uk

Website: www.tarporleyparishchurch.org **e-mail:** admin@tarporleyparish.co.uk

Items for ‘The Link’ should be e-mailed to jobsonajpj@btinternet.com or posted to the Link Editor by the 16th of each month.

CHURCH SERVICE CALENDAR FOR JULY 2021

July 4th	THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	St Thomas	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	St Helen	10.00am	Morning Prayer
	St John	11.15	Holy Communion
11th	THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	St Thomas	9.00am	Holy Communion
	St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion
18th	THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	St Thomas	9.00am	Holy Communion
	St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion
25th	ST JAMES THE APOSTLE		
	St Thomas	9.00am	Holy Communion
	St Helen	10.00am	Holy Communion
August 1st	THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	St Thomas	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	St Helen	10.00am	Morning Prayer
	St John	11.15	Holy Communion
	Every Wednesday morning 10am said Holy Communion Service at St Helen's.		

Please remember that face coverings are now mandatory in Church services. We continue to follow government and C of E guidance.

Our Assistant Curate writes:-

July this year is set to be absolute bonanza for sports fans, with something on offer for pretty much everyone. As I write this letter, England are just about to start their first match in the delayed Euro 2020 tournament; England's cricketers are playing a second test against New Zealand at Edgbaston, and by the time the Link Magazine reaches you, the Olympics will be just around the corner, as will the Open Golf at Royal St George, Wimbledon, the British Grand Prix at Silverstone, the Lions tour of South Africa, the Tours De France, and so on and so on. It is exhausting even typing the list!

The Osborne household is very happy to watch most sports, both individual and team. One member of our extended family, however, is not at all keen on combative team sports, a feeling that I am sure others in the Parish will share. Her preference is athletics, for rather than watch a tribal clash of one team pitting all their strength and guile against another team, the athlete is competing as much against themselves as against the other competitors. In athletics a runner, for example, may race against a field of twenty other runners in a long-distance event, knowing full well that they stand very little chance whatever of winning. Their joy is not only in the taking part (a sentiment that feels sadly old-fashioned these days), but is also in the achievement of a personal best or a season's best. Their ambition is constantly to improve. For the spectator, the rules are simple. Don't start before the gun, stay in your lane and finish the race.

On hearing this heart-felt opinion, I could not help but think of a couple of Bible verses that describe the Christian way of life in sporting terms. In the 1st century, the Romans celebrated both the Olympic Games and the Isthmian Games. Competitors would spend up to ten months in arduous physical training. Because the Corinthians were very familiar with these events, Paul used the games as an analogy for a believer's life of faithfulness. He wrote to the church in Corinth saying, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever"

(1 Corinthians 9:24-25). Paul's exhortation is that believers should be as focused and dedicated as those ancient competitors in the games.

Of course, we are not competing just for the gold medal, but we too strive to be the best we can be in the life that is specific to us. Paul describes it thus in his letter to the church in Philippi "I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus." We can expect setbacks, injuries and disappointments. I was watching some golf last week. John Rahm, the Spanish golfer was playing the tournament of his life, and after three rounds of 18 holes, with one round left to play, he was very comfortably in the lead and clearly set to win. Imagine how he felt when an official approached him to say that he had returned a positive Covid test and so could not compete in the final round. He was bereft, as would any of us have been. But the Christian life is more akin to a (hopefully) very, very long marathon than a one-off tournament. Our ambition, again like St Paul, is to be able to say like he did at the end of his race, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7). He was no doubt eagerly expecting to hear those wonderful words from our Lord "well done, good and faithful servant". So, enjoy the sport this summer, but enjoy your own race even more!

Julian

From the Parish Bookshelf

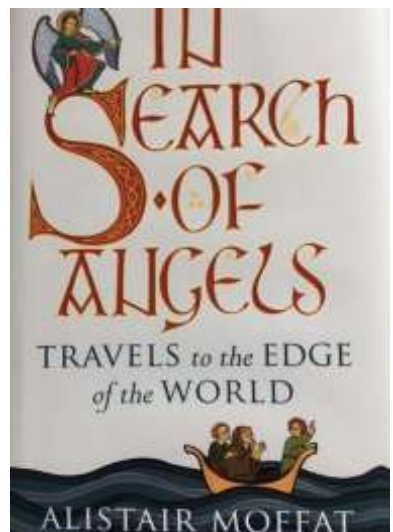
Walter Gibson reviews:-

"In Search of Angels – Travels to the Edge of the World"

by Alistair Moffat

(published in 2020)

Most people have heard of St Columba, the founder of the monastic community on Iona and an early evangelist to what became Scotland. But have you heard of Brendan, Donnan, Moluag or Maelrubha? (cont o'leaf)



Or the journeys they made and the communities they founded in Eilach an Naoimh, Eigg, Lismore and Applecross? Alistair Moffat tells their stories and sets out to look for traces of their lives, their work and their legacy.

Inspired by the “desert fathers” who sought to come closer to God by leaving the world behind, some of these Irish monks set off across the sea looking for remote islands where they could cut themselves off from temptation and mortify the flesh. Other felt impelled to bring the gospel to pagan lands along the Scottish west coast. They all took great risks, not the least of which was on their journeys in small currachs or coracles: the knowledge of their construction survives to this day.

We know of Columba because he had a biographer, but traces of the other saints are harder to find. Moffat finds them in place names, ruins, legends of miracles they performed, and in the language they brought with them – Gaelic. And of course Christianity was their greatest legacy: without their courage and faith perhaps paganism would have dominated for much longer. He senses their spirit in the places where they lived and the sanctity of the ground on which they walked. In the powerful unaccompanied singing of the psalms in the Free Presbyterian Church of today he wonders if he can hear their voices too and how they worshipped long ago.

So once again I am struck by how Christianity spread to remote places through physical and spiritual journeys into the unknown, often made at great personal cost. We can look back and trace what we believe and the way we worship through an unbroken chain of ministry and discipleship to those early missionaries, and be grateful.

Walter Gibson

Some further reports on the careful re-opening of our churches.

St Thomas' Eaton

Mike Scott and Rosemary Lilley write about the re-opening of St Thomas' Eaton. Although we had very much hoped to resume worship after this second lockdown on Easter Day, 4th April, this did not happen until 2nd May when we

marked the occasion with as joyous a peal as Nick Parker could muster from our single bell, for a full ten arm-aching minutes!

We are pleased to say our services have continued without interruption ever since led by Julian or Richard with obvious enthusiasm at being back in reputedly the Diocese's smallest church with regular services.

Our congregation has responded in similar vein with the ladies choir exercising its vocal chords once more at Sung Eucharist on 23rd May when the attendance reached our Covid Capacity of 22!

We welcomed back Revd Alex Sanders on 4th June to lead a very moving funeral service for our oldest member, Muriel Smith—Bett to everyone in the village, a sad loss.

We can only hope and pray this deadly pandemic has lost its potency so that never again will the Church of England find it necessary to close its doors to enable our new Rector's Ministry to begin on time with his first Service at St Thomas' on Sunday 5th September.

We are planning a welcoming party for The Revd Jim Bridgman, his wife Jenny, and their three young children on Friday 3rd September and are fortunate to have received a very kind offer from Richard Reeves to hold it at his Deer Farm at the top of Lightfoot Lane—more details to follow in the next edition.

Our special thanks to all the loyal members of our congregation who have kept our village church heated, clean, aired, the silver and brass polished, and our churchyard tidy throughout the past 15 months—we just could not have done without you.

Rosemary and Mike, Wardens, St Thomas' Eaton.

St John's Cotebrook. Taking care.

We indicated last month that Bill and Rosie Spiegelberg were kindly arranging to open their garden for a garden party on July 4th in the afternoon following the Sunday morning Holy Communion service at St John's Cotebrook.

Unfortunately, given the increasing number of Covid cases in the North West in general it has been decided that this event will be cancelled/postponed until conditions improve and restrictions are eased further.

St Helen's Tarporley: The bells are ringing again. It is a delight to announce that as from Sunday 30th May, and on all Sundays since, St Helen's bells have again been heralding the 10am Sunday service. Our church tower is quite small inside so, to ensure social distancing and mitigate the assessed risks, we are only able to ring 4 of the 8 bells but it is a pleasure to do so.

Tarporley Bellringers

News from Tarporley Chapel

As this edition of The Link goes to press the last service conducted by Nic Willis as Pastor of Tarporley Baptist and Methodist Church is about to take place. Nic's final service will be on Sunday 27th June.

Elaine Meredith, a member of our PCC, offers the following tribute to Nic and Denise.

A TRIBUTE TO NIC AND DENISE WILLIS

The last service Nic conducted as Pastor of The Chapel was on Sunday 27th June 2021, when Chapel and village friends paid tribute to Nic and his wife Denise upon Nic's retirement. An outdoor lunch for all the congregation followed the memorable service.

On behalf of our Parish I write a tribute to Nic and Denise and wish them good health and every blessing of our Lord as they commence another chapter of their varied lives.

God guided them to Cheshire from Birmingham, where they settled in Haughton before taking up residence at the Manse after the previous Pastor, Cliff, moved away.



Nic Willis at The Chapel. June 20th

I had the pleasure of attending the Alpha Course that Cliff and his team organised some years ago, where of course I was introduced to Nic and Denise. Their enthusiasm for the Good News of Jesus was infectious and their intimate knowledge of the bible stands out in my memory.

During their time in Tarporley they worked well as a team with their warm, affectionate, welcoming and comforting manner, always putting others first. It has been an honour to call them my friends.

I have attended many ecumenical services where Nic has addressed the congregation or written and delivered the prayers during the joint worship. The regular Good Friday Witness, World Day of Prayer and Remembrance Services are examples when our congregations combined.

The Lent period each year was very special for me, as in addition to attending the Lent Lunches our Parish generously arranged, I met each week with Chapel friends at the evening Lent courses. These were expertly arranged by Nic and his super team of leaders where all participants enjoyed not only the course content but kind hospitality too. At the last one I attended, which was a week before the 2020 March lockdown, Nic gave each participant a small sheet containing a verse from the hymn What a Friend we have in Jesus. The verse remains in place on display in my home as a reminder that Jesus is our friend throughout the good and the bad times.

Nic and Denise have touched the lives of many in our locality. Children, teenagers and adults alike have benefited from their ministry. They are wished a well deserved retirement.

Elaine Meredith - Member of St Helen's P.C.C.

We commend to God and pray for those who mourn:

Mary Barber

Ernest Boynes

Betty Brooks

Ron Chisnall

Donald Gregory

Anne Hayward

Anne Hull

June McQueen

Josie Schwarz

Muriel Smith



Advance Notice: The Collation service for the Rev'd Jim Bridgman as Rector of Tarporley Parish is set for Wednesday 1st September at 7.00pm at St Helen's Church Tarporley.

Arrangements for this service which will see the installation of Jim as Rector of our parish are currently being prepared. Because it is a formal service there are a number of designated people who have to be present and will receive invitations the service. More details of the arrangements for members of the congregation to attend this joyful event will be available nearer the time.

Finally: Liz Neely offers a recipe for the:-

Hazy, lazy days of summer

What says summer better than a big bowl of fresh fruits and a dollop of something creamy? Here's a recipe you can put together with the children and tweak it to your own taste if you don't like the fruits suggested!



Serves 6

Prep time 25 minutes

300g/11oz fresh raspberries
6-8 tbsp icing sugar
150g/5oz seedless red or black grapes, halved
300g/11oz blueberries
100g/4oz strawberries, hulled and quartered
3 nectarines, sliced

Make a coulis for the fruit by placing half of the raspberries and 6 tablespoons of icing sugar in a blender. Whizz until smooth. Push through a sieve into a bowl large enough to take all the extra fruit, discarding the seeds left behind.

Add the remaining raspberries to the coulis with the grapes, blueberries, strawberries and nectarine slices. Stir to combine.

Make a gorgeous creamy topping with 600g of natural, Greek style yogurt and 3 tablespoons of runny honey mixed together and add a generous dollop to everyone's serving of fruit. Simple!

Don't forget you can buy local honey from a variety of farm shops and village stores or clotted cream from the local dairy would be a delicious treat too.

Liz Neely.

Short Stay Care Breaks at Tarporley Hospital

**Taking a break from routine can be hugely beneficial
for carers and the cared for**

We offer pre-bookable, personalised care breaks at any time of
the year in single rooms or ward beds.

Caring for the community for 98 years.

For more information visit
www.tarporleyhospital.co.uk
or call 01829 732 436



TARPORLEY
WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Registered Charity Number: 700336



Cheshire's Leading Estate Agent

Time to Sell? Require Property Advice?
Call Robert Reed.

01829 707885
07790 582461

www.gascoignehalman.co.uk

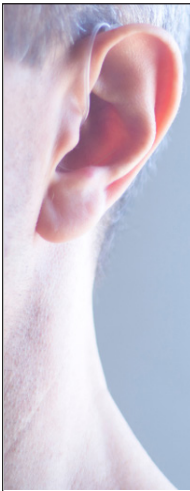


FOR EVERYTHING FORD IN CHESHIRE

SALES • SERVICE • MOTABILITY & PARTS



Cliff Dickenson & Son (Winsford) Limited
Station Road, Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 3DQ
01606 592 352 www.cliffdickenson.co.uk



Are you one of the many who can't distinguish the sounds that matter in a noisy environment?

The brilliant, brand new, Oticon M1 achieves a breakthrough in hearing aid performance, allowing users to hear speech clearly – even in the noisiest environments!

OTICON | More

This discreet, game-changing technology is receiving rave reviews from hearing aid wearers worldwide and is even rechargeable – so no need for fiddly batteries.

Hummingbird Hearingcare is **now offering a free demo** so you can experience their incredible clarity with no obligation.

Hearing Tests • Hearing Aids • Earwax Removal

Call now on 01829 824 245
to book your FREE demo
www.hummingbirdhearingcare.co.uk



J.C. CLARKE & SON

Funeral Directors & Monumental Consultants

Pre-Paid Funerals Plans

111 High Street, Tarporley, Cheshire CW6 0AY
Telephone: 01829 733808

PRIVATE CHAPEL OF REST
24 HOUR PERSONAL SERVICE

Part of 'Dignity Plc a British Company



Jacqueline Wilson

Independent Funeral Services Ltd

www.jwifs.co.uk



Over 25 years local experience
NAFD Qualified
24 hours a day Personal Service
Private Chapel of Rest
Pre-paid Funeral Plans
Memorial Masonry



52 HIGH STREET
TARVIN
CHESTER
CHESHIRE
CH3 8EE

TEL: 01829 740002
EMAIL: TARVIN@JWIFS.CO.UK

HILL VIEW
HIGH STREET
CLOTTON
TARPORLEY
CHESHIRE
CW6 0EG

TEL: 01829 781572
EMAIL: JACKIE@JWIFS.CO.UK

74 WESTON GROVE
UPTON
CHESTER
CHESHIRE
CH2 1QL

TEL: 01244 952540
EMAIL: UPTON@JWIFS.CO.UK



Avondale Chiropractic

- ★ joint stiffness and pain
- ★ migraines or headaches
- ★ muscular aches
- ★ reduced mobility ★ sports injury

McTimoney Chiropractic, a gentle and effective whole body treatment for all ages.

Ann Williams MChiro, MMCA

✉ ann@avondalechiropractic.co.uk

🌐 www.avondalechiropractic.co.uk

☎ **07870 235819**



A request for volunteers.
Full training provided.

OPAL Clubs are social clubs for older people who need support to get out and about.

Tarporley OPAL Club runs once a week on a Friday and we are currently short of volunteer drivers. The commitment would probably be once a month.

If you feel able to help or would like further information please contact:-

Sam Moggan mob:07856 095 611
sam.moggan@opalservices.org.uk

Tarporley Flower Club

Members of the Tarporley Flower Club invite you to join them at their monthly meeting which is held at the Tarporley Community Centre between 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month (except in January when the meeting is held on the second Tuesday. There is no meeting in August).

Each month spectacular floral designs are created by a skilled demonstrator on the stage before an audience of members, guests and visitors.

New members and visitors are most welcome, there is an admission fee payable.

Annual membership fee is £40.

The Old Fire Station Chocolate Shop

54 High Street, Tarporley
01829 733 736 Open 7 days a week

Fantastic range of
Chocolates made in Tarporley
Fudges made in Tarporley
Traditional Confectionery
Snugbury's **Ice Cream**

Coffee Shop

Visit us and see why we have been featured so often on **Television and Radio**

Birch Heath Veterinary Clinic
Birch Heath Road, Tarporley,
Cheshire
CW6 9UU

Tel: 01829 733777/

www.birchheathvets.co.uk

Opening

times: Mon-Fri: 8am—7pm,
Sat: 9am- 12pm, Sun: Closed



The carpet store that comes to your door

Adam Clifford Jones CARPETS

of CHESHIRE

Suppliers and Fitters of
Quality Carpets and Cushion Flooring

01606 883869 • 07990 881113

www.adamcliffordjonescarpets.co.uk



Rose Farm Shop

ADDITIVE FREE HOME PRODUCED BEEF
Also visit our **Café and Garden Shop**



TASTE THE DIFFERENCE

We are a small farm producing 'Additive free, home produced, top quality beef' All our meat is professionally prepared on our premises to suit all requirements from your weekly joint to larger freezer orders.

**Selection of 35 British
Farmhouse Cheeses**

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

AMPLE PARKING

**Home Cooked Meats
Beef - Ham - Turkey
100% Meat Content
TASTE THE DIFFERENCE**